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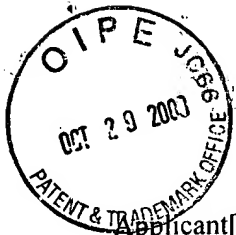
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Claims 1 – 39 were in the application as originally filed. Claims 1 and 23 are independent, while the remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent from claims 1 or 23. Claims 1 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Higgins et al. 6,266,633. Claims 2 – 7 and 24 - 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Higgins et al. in view of the U.S. Patent to Kleider et al. 6,240,282 and the U.S. Patent to Fry 5,465,097. Claims 8 – 22 and 30 – 39 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but

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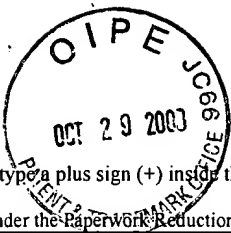
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